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AS OUR CHAIRMAN HAS STATED, THIS IS THE ONE TIME A MONTH THAT YOU HAVE TO ASK YOUR QUESTIONS OF A GENERAL AND CURRENT INTEREST. SO, IF YOU WILL BE SO KIND AS TO RAISE YOUR HANDS, I WILL BE HAPPY TO SHARE WITH YOU THE ANSWER THAT I RECEIVE TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

QUESTION: I WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE EIGHTY-ONE TRUTHS OR PATHS YOU MENTIONED ONE TIME.

ANSWER: THANK YOU. IN REFERENCE TO THE QUESTION, I BELIEVE, CONCERNING THE EIGHTY-ONE LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS. IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PHILOSOPHY THAT THERE ARE EIGHTY-ONE LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGH WHICH OUR SOUL IS EXPRESSING. THERE ARE FORTY SENSE FUNCTIONS, AND CORRESPONDING FORTY SOUL FACULTIES. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MAN IS DIVINE, FORMLESS SPIRIT EXPRESSING THROUGH THE INDIVIDUALIZATION OF FORM. WE ALL UNDERSTAND THERE CANNOT BE FORM, THERE CANNOT BE INDIVIDUALIZATION WITHOUT LIMIT. THE LIMIT IS THE FORM THROUGH WHICH THE FORMLESS, FREE SPIRIT IS EXPRESSING AT ANY TIME. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT HARMONY AND PEACE THAT PASSETH ALL UNDERSTANDING IS AN EFFECT AND NOT A CAUSE; THAT IT IS AN EFFECT OF A PERFECT BALANCE OF THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD OF THE AURA THROUGH WHICH THIS FORMLESS, FREE SPIRIT IS EXPRESSING. WHEN WE MAKE THE CONSCIOUS DAILY EFFORT TO

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BRING THE THOUGHTS OF OUR MENTAL BODY, WHICH ARE VEHICLES THROUGH WHICH THE FORMLESS SPIRIT IS EXPRESSING, INTO HARMONY OR BALANCE WITH THE MOTIVATION OF OUR SOUL, WE ARE THEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ACHIEVING AND FULFILLING THE PURPOSE OF OUR JOURNEY HERE ON THIS PLANET. I DO HOPE THAT HAS HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: I BELIEVE THERE IS SOMETHING IN THE LIVING LIGHT PHILOSOPHY IN REGARDS TO SOULS WHO RESIDE ON OTHER PLANETS AND ALSO EXPRESS THROUGH OURS.

ANSWER: IN REFERENCE TO YOUR QUESTION ON THE PLANETS ON WHICH SOULS RESIDE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT INTELLIGENT LIFE IS NOT LIMITED TO THE PLANET EARTH. INDEED IT WOULD TAKE A VERY, VERY LIMITED MIND TO SO DELUDE ONESELF IN AN EVER-EXPANDING UNIVERSE TO BELIEVE FOR A MOMENT THAT THE ONLY INTELLIGENT EXPRESSION OF THE DIVINE LIFE PRINCIPLE IS LIMITED TO THE FORMS WHICH INHABIT THE PLANET EARTH. I HOPE THAT'S HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: WILL YOU PLEASE SPEAK ON COMPUTER GAMES, THEIR EFFECT ON PEOPLE, AND ON THE ACCELERATED EVOLUTION OF ROBOTS TO ULTIMATELY EXPRESS HUMAN EMOTIONS AND AGGRESSIONS?

ANSWER: THANK YOU. IT'S QUITE A THREE-FOLD QUESTION, WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE FIRST. VIDEO OR COMPUTER GAMES AND THEIR EFFECTS UPON SOCIETY -- INDEED A VERY CURRENT AND VERY IMPORTANT TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. IT IS ONLY IN RECENT MONTHS THAT ONE OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD HAS OUTLAWED WHAT WE UNDERSTAND AS VIDEO GAMES. IN THEIR DECISION, IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THEIR SOCIETY, THEY HAVE BEEN OUTLAWED. NOW, THROUGHOUT HISTORY THERE HAVE BEEN MANY SOCIETIES AND MANY LAWS PASSED BY GOVERNING BODIES IN THE INTEREST OF SUSTAINING AND MAINTAINING THEIR SOCIETIES AS THEY WERE. SO IT WAS IN BIBLICAL TIMES. AS IT WAS IN TIMES LONG PRECEDING BIBLICAL TIMES. WHENEVER THERE IS
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ANYTHING IN SOCIETY THAT BRINGS ABOUT A DRASTIC CHANGE IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE SOCIETY, THEN IT BECOMES A THREAT TO THE SOCIETY, AS THE SOCIETY AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT KNOWS ITSELF. SO IT IS THE VERY LAW OF SURVIVAL, SO IT IS THE DEMONSTRABLE LAW OF SELF-PRESERVATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRESERVING -- FIRST WE MUST UNDERSTAND WHAT WE THINK SELF IS. IF WE THINK THAT SELF IS HOW WE THINK AT THIS MOMENT ABOUT WHAT WE UNDERSTAND SELF TO BE, THEN WE ARE IN A CONSTANT PROCESS OF CHANGING THE IMAGE OF SELF FOR WE DO NOT THINK THIS MOMENT AS WE THOUGHT THE MOMENTS PAST. WE ONLY THINK WE THINK THE SAME. BUT AS THE YEARS PASS WE SEE THAT OUR THINKING EXPANDS, CHANGES, EVOLVES, AND REFINES ITSELF FROM WHAT WE THINK IS EXPERIENCE, WHICH IS ONLY THE EFFECT, OF COURSE, OF HOW WE THINK. AND SO IT IS WITH THIS THAT WE FACE TODAY -- AN ELECTRONIC COMPUTER AGE.

WE FIRST MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS THE MINDS OF MEN WHO HAVE CREATED THE COMPUTER. AND THE MINDS OF MEN HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB AT CLONING THEMSELVES. SO AS WE STUDY THE MACHINES THAT THE MINDS OF MEN HAVE DESIGNED AND ARE USING, OR BEING USED BY, DEPENDING ON THE STATE OF EVOLUTION OF THE MIND, WE SEE CLEARLY THAT WHATEVER IS PROGRAMMED INTO THE COMPUTER IS WHAT COMES OUT. WHAT IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH WHAT THE COMPUTER ALREADY HAS STORED IN ITS MEMORY BANKS IS IMMEDIATELY KICKED OUT. AND SO WE SEE BY THESE WONDERFUL MACHINES THAT THE MINDS OF MEN HAVE DESIGNED, WE GET TO SEE SLOWLY BUT SURELY HOW OUR MINDS WORK UNTIL WE BEGIN TO MAKE THE CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO BECOME AWARE OF OUR OWN THINKING PROCESS.

THE VIDEO GAMES FASCINATE THE MINDS OF MEN. NOW WE MUST ASK OURSELVES THE QUESTION, WHY DO WE SEE IN SOCIETY MACHINES DESIGNED BY MEN THAT

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LITERALLY HYPNOTIZE A HIGH PERCENT OF THE SOCIETY? WHAT IS IT THAT MAN HAS PUT INTO THE MACHINE THAT CONTROLS THE ONE WHO IS TRYING TO CONTROL THE MACHINE THEY HAVE DESIGNED? AND WE QUICKLY SEE THAT THE FUNCTION KNOWN AS CHALLENGE STIMULATES THE HUMAN EGO, AND WHATEVER STIMULATES THE HUMAN EGO CAUSES A PERSON TO FEEL WHAT THEY CALL GOOD. NOW FEELING GOOD IS NOT A LUXURY OF MAN --IT IS A NECESSITY OF LIFE HERSELF. FOR WE UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT WE CALL GOOD IS GOD. AND WITHOUT GOD WE DO NOT EXIST, FOR GOD, THE DIVINE, INFINITE, INTELLIGENT PRINCIPLE IS THAT WHICH IS SUSTAINING US. SO FEELING GOOD IS A NECESSITY. BUT THE QUESTION MUST RISE IN WHAT WAY HAVE WE LIMITED OURSELF TO FEELING GOOD? MUST WE HAVE VIDEO GAMES THAT FASCINATE AND ENTERTAIN OUR SENSES TO FEEL GOOD, A NECESSITY THAT WE MUST HAVE -- FEELING GOOD. NO, WE ALONE, THROUGH OUR OWN THOUGHT PROCESS, THROUGH OUR OWN LIMITED EXPERIENCES, THROUGH OUR OWN JUDGMENTS HAVE DICTATED TO OUR OWN MINDS HOW WE WILL PERMIT OURSELVES TO FEEL GOOD -- THE NECESSITY OF LIFE. SOME OF US HAVE TO GO BOATING TO FEEL GOOD. SOME OF US HAVE TO HEAR CERTAIN TYPES OF MUSIC TO FEEL GOOD, NOT THE PRINCIPLE OF MUSIC, ONLY CERTAIN TYPES OF MUSIC -- TOTALLY LIMITED BY OUR OWN JUDGMENTS. SOME OF US HAVE TO FLY IN A PLANE TO FEEL GOOD, SOME OF US HAVE TO PLAY GOLF TO FEEL GOOD. SOME OF US, MANY OF US, HAVE TO OVER EAT TO FEEL GOOD. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO THE HOUSE THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR -- THE TEMPLE OF GOD. IF WE HAVE MADE THE JUDGMENT THAT THIS IS WHAT MAKES US FEEL GOOD, THEN THAT IS WHAT WE MUST DO. FOR MAN IS A LAW UNTO HIMSELF -- THE QUESTION MUST RISE WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THE LAW THAT WE ARE? IT IS DEMONSTRABLE THAT MAN, THAT WE ARE A LAW UNTO OURSELF. WE DICTATE HOW WE WILL FEEL BAD, AND WE DICTATE HOW WE WILL FEEL GOOD. BECAUSE WE DO NOT MAKE THE DAILY

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CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO BECOME AWARE OF OUR THOUGHT PROCESSES, TO BECOME AWARE OF OUR OWN JUDGMENTS, TO BECOME AWARE OF OUR OWN BONDAGE CREATED BY OUR OWN THOUGHT OF YESTERDAY.

REMEMBER, MY FRIENDS, JUDGMENTS ARE THE SHADOWS THAT STAND BETWEEN US AND THE LIGHT OF REASON THAT FREES US. THEY ARE THE SHADOWS FOR THEY ARE EXPERIENCES OF THAT WHICH HAS PASSED. NEVER ARE THEY THAT WHICH IS. ALL JUDGMENT, THOUGH YOU MAY THINK YOU MAKE A JUDGMENT THIS MOMENT, THE VERY INGREDIENT, THAT OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED, IS A PAST EVENT. IT IS A PAST EVENT, FOR JUDGMENT IS THE FORMING OF EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE ALREADY GONE. SO THE SHADOW IS WHAT WE SERVE WHEN WE PERMIT OUR MIND TO ENTERTAIN WHAT MAN KNOWS AS JUDGMENT. AND SO THE PHILOSOPHIES OF ANCIENT TIME HAVE TAUGHT "JUDGE NOT THAT YE BE NOT JUDGED," FOR THE SHADOW IN WHICH YOU LIVE SHALL FOREVER BIND YOU. ETERNITY IS THE MOMENT OF WHICH MAN IS CONSCIOUSLY AWARE, FREED FROM ALL SHADOWS, ALL EXPERIENCES OF WHAT HAS BEEN. MAN IS A LAW UNTO HIMSELF AND IS CREATING HIS OWN DESTINY MOMENT BY MOMENT. THE SADNESS IS THAT DESTINY IS CREATED BASED UPON WHAT HE HAS ALREADY EXPERIENCED. HOWEVER, LOOKING AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN, REPETITION IS THE LAW THROUGH WHICH CHANGE IS MADE POSSIBLE. ASK ANYONE WHO IS MARRIED, OR BEEN MARRIED, THE CONSTANT REPETITION, THE CONSTANT REPETITION GUARANTEES THE LAW OF CHANGE WHICH IS THE LAW OF EVOLUTION.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH THE COMPUTER AGE IN WHICH WE LIVE? IT IS MY FIRM CONVICTION, AND HAS BEEN FOR MANY YEARS, IF MAN WILL MAKE THE EFFORT TO STUDY, TO ANALYZE, AND TO INVESTIGATE WHAT HE HAS CREATED, HE WILL BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND HOW HIS MIND WORKS.

THE ONLY INTELLIGENCE THAT AN ELECTRONIC MACHINE HAS IS THE INTELLIGENCE THAT YOU ALONE

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GOOD EVENING, CLASS. BEFORE BEGINNING THE CLASS THIS EVENING, I WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE HERE FOR THEIR KINDNESS OVER MY BIRTHDAY, AND FOR THE VARIED GIFTS AND KIND THOUGHTS. CONSIDERING, I GUESS, BECAUSE TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY, I HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO GIVE THE CLASS MYSELF. NOW, NOT THAT I ASKED FOR THAT PERMISSION, BUT THAT REQUEST OR ORDER WAS GIVEN TO ME EARLIER TODAY. SO I WILL SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF MY THOUGHTS IN REFERENCE TO THIS DAY, AND TO MANY DAYS THAT HAVE ALREADY PASSED.

SOMETIMES I THINK THAT WE HAVE VARIED, OF COURSE, VARIED VIEWS OF WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A MEDIUM. OFTTIMES WE LOOK AT SOMETHING THAT WE DESIRE AND JUDGE WE DO NOT HAVE TO BE SOMETHING THAT IS ALL A BED OF ROSES. AND IN THAT RESPECT I SUPPOSE THAT YOU COULD CONSIDER MEDIUMSHIP A "BED OF ROSES," BUT SOMEHOW, YOU HAVE TO CULTIVATE THE THORNS OUT OF THOSE ROSES BECAUSE I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THERE ARE PLENTY OF THE THORNS ALONG WITH IT. AND SO IT IS WITH OUR EXPERIENCES IN LIFE. SOME PEOPLE I KNOW AND I'M SURE THINK THAT IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE TO MAKE ALL THE DECISIONS FOR YOU AND TO GUIDE YOU AND TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO, AND IN MANY RESPECTS, OF COURSE, THAT IS VERY FINE, EXCEPT THAT IT DOESN'T ALWAYS AGREE WITH YOUR OWN THINKING, AND YOUR OWN DESIRES. AND SO WHEN THAT CONFLICT ARISES WITHIN YOUR MIND, YOU HAVE TO, OF COURSE, FACE IT AND YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH IT.

BECAUSE IN MY LIFE IN THESE PAST 39 YEARS OF WORK IN THIS WORK OF MEDIUMSHIP, THERE HAVE BEEN UNTOLD NUMBERS OF TIMES WHEN THE INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE THAT I RECEIVE IS CERTAINLY CONTRARY TO MY OWN THOUGHTS AND MY OWN JUDGMENTS. AND SO IT IS THAT EVERYONE, OF

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COURSE, IN TRUTH IS A MEDIUM. THERE IS ALWAYS THAT SOMETHING WITHIN THEM THAT IS TRYING TO GUIDE THEM. BUT WHEN IT RUNS CONTRARY TO WHAT OUR MIND THINKS THEN, OF COURSE, WE EXPERIENCE THE DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE IT IS ONLY NATURAL TO FLOW WITH THAT WITH WHICH WE ARE FAMILIAR. AND, OF COURSE, WE ARE ALL FAMILIAR TO A GREAT DEGREE WITH OUR OWN THOUGHTS, WITH OUR OWN DESIRES, AND OUR OWN MIND.

NOW MY DAY HAD A MOST INTERESTING START, AS MOST OF MY DAYS DO. AS I SAID EARLIER TO ONE OF THE STUDENTS, "I DON'T RECALL A DAY IN MY LIFE THAT I EVER EXPERIENCED BOREDOM. BUT I THINK IN ORDER TO BE BORED ONE MUST NOT HAVE DESIRE TO GET SOMETHING ACCOMPLISHED. AND SOMEHOW IT SEEMS I CAME TO THIS EARTH WITH PLENTY DESIRE TO GET SOMETHING DONE. I LIKE TO SEE THINGS MOVING. AND SO, FOR ABOUT, WELL SINCE WE HAVE LIVED IN THE HOUSE THERE ON THE HILL, TWO OF OUR AUDIO SPEAKERS HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THE RUMBA -- CRACKING UP NOW AND THEN. AND IF YOU LIKE GOOD MUSIC, AND WE HAVE PLENTY OF GOOD MUSIC, AND YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HEAR DISTORTION PERIODICALLY. AND SO WE HAVE FIDDLED WITH IT AND DONE EVERYTHING, AND IT'S JUST KIND OF BEEN WEARING ITSELF OUT. SO THE FRIENDS DECIDED THAT WE WOULD REPLACE THEM. I SAID, "WELL, THAT'S FINE, SOMEDAY WE WILL GET THAT DONE." THAT WAS YESTERDAY. AND SO TODAY THE FRIENDS SAID TO ME, "NOW WE ARE REPLACING THOSE SPEAKERS THAT ARE WORN OUT." AND I SAID, "WELL, IF YOU HIT THEM SOMETIMES, YOU KNOW, THEY WORK FINE. I THINK IT'S JUST SOMETHING LOOSE INSIDE." AND SHE SAID, "NO, THEY DON'T WORK FINE AT ALL, THEY'RE JUST PLAYED OUT." WELL, THEY WERE THE BEST SPEAKERS WE COULD GET AT THE TIME, ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO. AND SO I PUT ON A RECORD TO SHOW THEM THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT IF YOU HIT IT JUST SO THAT IT DOES WORK. SO I PUT ON A RECORD -- NOTHING CAME OUT OF THE

SPEAKER, THOSE SPEAKERS AT ALL -- ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. SO, I WIGGLED THE WIRE, THERE WAS NOTHING. I HIT THE BACK OF THE SPEAKER, THERE WAS NOTHING. I KICKED IT WITH MY FOOT AND THERE WAS STILL NOTHING. SO I PUT ON A DIFFERENT RECORD. I THOUGHT, "WELL, YOU KNOW, MAYBE THE TONE OF THE MUSIC SOMETIMES HAS AN EFFECT ON THOSE SPEAKERS UP THERE." NOTHING. SO I TOPPLED IT OVER ON THE FLOOR TO GIVE IT THE BEST JOLT POSSIBLE, PUT IT BACK UP. THERE WAS STILL NOTHING. WELL, YOU SEE MY MIND HAD MADE THE JUDGMENT, BECAUSE MY MIND IS VERY CAPABLE OF JUDGMENTS, JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE'S MIND, IN FACT IT MAKES MANY JUDGMENTS, AND I HAVE TO WORK WITH THEM ALL THE TIME -- IT MADE THE JUDGMENT THAT CERTAINLY NOT AT THIS TIME WAS IT IN THE BEST INTERESTS TO HAVE TO REPLACE THE SPEAKERS, TWO SPEAKERS IN FACT. BUT THAT WASN'T WHAT WAS TO BE. NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE GOT THAT TAKEN CARE OF. NOW THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE VERY MUCH REALLY, TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT BUT IT WAS MOST INTERESTING CONSIDERING THAT MY MIND, NUMBER ONE, HAD MADE THE JUDGMENT IT WAS NOT GOING TO GET ANY SPEAKERS, ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON, AND ALL OF THE EXPENSES, BUT THE LEVEL IN WHICH I TRAPPED MYSELF WAS VERY INTERESTING ON THIS MY DAY OF MY BIRTH, FOR IT WASN'T VERY LONG AFTER WHEN I GOT A CALL FROM OUR ATTORNEY INFORMING ME THAT I HAD TO GIVE A DEPOSITION IN REFERENCE TO OUR GOING TO COURT ABOUT OUR CHURCH EXEMPTION FOR THE CHURCH PROPERTY. WELL, WHAT IS INTERESTING, OF COURSE, IS THAT, NUMBER ONE, THE FIRST DEPOSITION I EVER MADE IN MY LIFE WAS MONTHS AGO -- I DIDN'T APPRECIATE IT. WE DON'T APPRECIATE THINGS WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH. ALL MINDS WORK THE SAME WAY. SO WHEN I GOT THAT CALL, AFTER I GOT THROUGH THIS SPEAKER BIT, AND THEY ALL GOT DELIVERED AND EVERYTHING, I REALLY FOUND THAT I WAS QUITE UPSET. AND SO, I WAS

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AWARE, OF COURSE, OF THE CAUSE. BUT TO BE AWARE OF SOMETHING AND TO WORK YOUR WAY OUT OF IT ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE EFFORT.

NOW IN THIS WORLD THERE ARE ALL THESE EXPERIENCES GOING ON ALL THE TIME. THERE IS NO WAY POSSIBLE THAT MY MIND CAN SEE THE WAY OF HOW THIS CHURCH KEEPS GOING FINANCIALLY OR OTHERWISE. YET IT ALWAYS KEEPS GOING. BUT IT IS A CONSTANT TEST, AS WE TEST OURSELF, BETWEEN OUR MIND AND OUR ETERNAL SPIRIT. IT IS A CONSTANT TEST. AFTER THAT EXPERIENCE, AND I'M TRYING TO WORK MY WAY UP FROM THE LEVEL I HAD PUT MYSELF INTO, WHICH WAS NOT VERY HARMONIOUS, MY MOTHER SAID TO ME, "RICHARD, THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR FAITH IN GOD." AND SO, OF COURSE, IT IS -- IT'S A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY -- WHEN YOUR MIND TAKES A LOOK AND CANNOT POSSIBLY SEE A WAY THAT THINGS ARE GOING TO WORK OUT. OUT OF NECESSITY YOU HAVE TO TURN TO SOMETHING GREATER. BECAUSE THAT'S JUST THE WAY THAT OUR MIND WORKS.

NOW, TO THINK THAT A PERSON WHO IS A MEDIUM AND COMMUNICATING WITH THE SPIRIT, THAT IT'S ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL AND PEACEFUL, THAT IT'S ALWAYS A POSITIVE, PROGRESSIVE AND SUCCESSFUL THING, IS CERTAINLY NOT LOOKING AT BOTH SIDES OF THE COIN. IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN MY FAITH IN A HIGHER POWER WE CALL GOD, I HAVE TO MAKE THE DAILY EFFORT, THE DAILY EFFORT, TO EDUCATE MY OWN EGO AND MY OWN MIND. YOU SEE, THERE IS NO SPIRIT OR SPIRITS THAT COME IN AND AUTOMATICALLY REMOVE FROM YOU THE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS OF YOUR MIND. IT JUST DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY. FOR ME, IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY. NOW IF IT WORKS THAT WAY FOR SOMEONE ELSE, I'D LIKE TO TALK TO THEM, CAUSE I'D LIKE TO FIND AN EASIER WAY. BUT IT CERTAINLY DOES NOT WORK THAT WAY FOR ME. NOW I NOT ONLY HAVE TO WORK ON MY OWN NEGATIVE MIND, BUT YOU SEE, THE EXPERIENCE IS COMPOUNDED

BECAUSE IF I DON'T WORK ON MY NEGATIVE THOUGHTS IN LIFE AND EXPERIENCE, AND WHEREAS I HAVE EARNED THE RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP OTHERS, THEN IF I AM NEGATIVE OR DISCOURAGED, THOSE AROUND AND ABOUT ME BECOME THE SAME WAY. NOW THAT'S WHAT'S CALLED FACING PERSONALLY ONE'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

WE ALL KNOW THAT GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELF. BUT WHAT MOST OF US DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND SOMETIMES, IS THAT GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES BY THOSE HELPING OTHERS. YOU SEE, EACH TIME THAT WE MAKE THE EFFORT TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE, WE IN TRUTH ARE HELPING OURSELF. SO IF WE TALK TO SOMEONE TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO TRY TO FIND A BETTER WAY, THAT IS TAKING PLACE WITHIN US IF WE BELIEVE WHAT WE SAY. FIRST, WE MUST TRULY BELIEVE WHAT WE ARE SAYING, AND IF WE BELIEVE WHAT WE ARE SAYING, THEN THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING, YOU SEE, IF THEY ARE IN RAPPORT WITH US, THEY, TOO, WILL BELIEVE WHAT IS BEING SAID.

NOW, MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT PEOPLE, WHEN THEY RETURN TO EARTH TO HELP US THROUGH THESE MANY PATHS THAT WE HAVE TO WALK THROUGH IN LIFE, THEY DO NOT, FOR THEY CANNOT, DO IT FOR US. THERE IS NO WAY THAT I AM AWARE OF THAT A PERSON, A SPIRIT WHO HAS LEFT EARTH, CAN DO SOMETHING FOR US. THEY DO NOT DO THINGS FOR US. THEY SHOW US A WAY IN WHICH WE CAN DO THINGS FOR OURSELF. THEIR INTEREST IS NOT IN THIS PHYSICAL, MATERIAL, MUNDANE WORLD. THEIR INTEREST IS IN AWAKENING SOULS WHO ARE YET IN THIS PHYSICAL FLESH, THAT THROUGH THAT PROCESS OF AWAKENING, THEY MAY BECOME A LIGHT, NOT ONLY UNTO THEMSELF, BUT TO THOSE AROUND AND ABOUT THEM.

I AM VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE DUALITY OF THE HUMAN MIND BECAUSE I AM FAMILIAR WITH MY OWN MIND -- THAT'S HOW I AM AWARE OF IT. IF WE WANT GUIDANCE THEN WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THOUGHTS AND IDEAS THAT ARE FLOWING FROM THE

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SPIRITUAL REALMS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO OUR OWN DESIRES, TO OUR OWN JUDGMENTS, TO OUR OWN FEARS. WHAT IS IT THAT KEEPS US FROM THE GREATER GOODNESS IN LIFE? WELL, IT'S VERY SIMPLE. IT'S THE FEAR. AND THE FEAR IS WHAT BLOCKS OUR PATH FOR IT IS A GREAT MAGNET THAT PULLS THE OBSTRUCTIONS TO US. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE THING WE FEAR BEFALLS US. SO IF WE BECOME AWARE OF OUR FEARS, THEN WE CAN GO TO WORK ON DIRECTING THIS ENERGY TO SOMETHING THAT IS BENEFICIAL AND TO SOMETHING THAT WILL BRING US THE PEACE THAT WE'RE ALL SEEKING. NOW YOU SEE, MY MIND, AS YOUR MIND, FOR ALL MINDS IN PRINCIPLE ARE THE SAME, WHEN IT FACES A NEW EXPERIENCE, WHETHER IT IS A SPEAKER, OR MAKING OUT A DEPOSITION, OR ANY NEW EXPERIENCE, EVERYTHING THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN RECORDED WITHIN OUR MIND IN ANYWAY RELATED TO THE EXPERIENCE, COMES UP TO TAKE CHARGE OF HOW WE ARE GOING TO HANDLE THE EXPERIENCE THAT WE ARE PRESENTLY HAVING. NOW WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT THE MIND DOES NOT WANT TO CHANGE WHATEVER PATTERNS IT HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED. IT IS THOSE PATTERNS THAT RISE UP AND THEY USE WHAT WE CALL FEAR, NEGATIVE FAITH, SO THAT WE WILL STAY RIGHT WHERE WE ARE. BUT IN SPITE OF ALL OF THE EXPERIENCES THAT WE HAVE HAD IN THIS EARTH LIFE, AND IN SPITE OF THE PATTERNS THAT WE CHERISH SO DEARLY IN OUR MINDS, EVOLUTION DOES TAKE PLACE. FOR EVOLUTION IS ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED, IT IS DEMONSTRATED ALL AROUND AND ABOUT US.

NOW, SOONER OR LATER, OF COURSE, AND BY SOONER OR LATER I MEAN IN YOUR DAILY ACTIVITIES, THESE CHOICES THAT YOU MAKE, YOU'LL BECOME AWARE OF WHETHER THEY ARE BASED UPON THE EXPERIENCES OF YOUR PAST OR THEY ARE THE GUIDANCE OF THE SPIRIT WITHIN YOU, AROUND YOU AND ABOUT YOU. SO OFTEN IN THIS WORK STUDENTS HAVE SO STRONGLY DESIRED TO SEE AND TO HEAR A

SPIRIT, BUT THERE ARE MANY SPIRITS IN THE ATMOSPHERE THAT YOU WOULD NOT CONSCIOUSLY CHOOSE TO HEAR, LET ALONE TO SEE, FOR THE LEVEL THAT DESIRES THE COMMUNICATION IS A LEVEL OF SELF. NOW YOU MUST CONSIDER OF WHAT BENEFIT, OF WHAT BENEFIT CAN IT BE TO COMMUNICATE WITH A SPIRIT TOTALLY LOCKED IN SELF WHEN YOU'VE ALREADY HAD THE EXPERIENCES, ALREADY, THAT BEING LOCKED IN SELF IS NOT ONLY NOT BENEFICIAL, BUT IT IS EXTREMELY DETRIMENTAL. SO STOP AND THINK, MY GOOD FRIENDS, DO YOU WANT TO ATTRACT UNTO YOU THOSE KIND OF SPIRITS? CAN YOU IMAGINE BEING GUIDED BY SOMEONE THAT'S TOTALLY INTERESTED IN THEMSELF? SURELY I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE GUIDED BY SOMEONE LIKE THAT. BUT IF WE DESIRE, YOU SEE IT'S THE MOTIVE THAT WE MUST CONSIDER. NOW IF OUR MOTIVE IS TO TRY TO ESTABLISH LAWS IN LIFE THAT WILL BRING US SOME KIND OF LIGHT OF REASON, IF THAT IS TRULY OUR MOTIVE, THEN OF COURSE, LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE AND THOSE ARE THE KIND OF SPIRITS THAT ARE AROUND AND ABOUT US.

BECAUSE I KNOW, AND IN TIMES IN THE PAST, WHEN THE GUIDANCE I HAVE RECEIVED HAS BEEN TOTALLY CONTRARY TO MY THINKING AND MY OWN DESIRES, I HAVE ENTERTAINED THE THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE JUST GETTING A LITTLE BIT TOO SELFISH WITH ALL MY WORK, AND MY EFFORT, AND MY ENERGIES, BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT THE MIND HAS TO OFFER. NOW IF WE THINK IT IS SUCH A GLORIOUS PATH TO BE IN THIS WORK, THEN WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THERE'S NEVER BEEN A SUNDAY MORNING THAT I KNEW WITH ANY ASSURANCE THAT I COULD SERVE ON THE PODIUM OF THIS CHURCH. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO GUARANTEE THAT ANY MESSAGE CAN EVER BE GIVEN BECAUSE IT IS NOT WITHIN THE POWER OF THE MIND. NOW IF YOU FIND THAT PLEASING, THEN YOU ARE NOT THINKING ABOUT HAVING TO GO TO WORK ON A JOB, AND NOT KNOWING WHETHER OR NOT IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM YOU CAN COMPLETE THE JOB THAT YOU ARE GOING TO WORK

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ON. IT'S A VERY TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE FOR THE MIND. YOU CAN BE REST ASSURED OF THAT. BECAUSE IF THE MIND DOESN'T GET OUT OF THE WAY, THEN NONE OF THIS WORK CAN POSSIBLY GET DONE.

WE SPOKE HERE BEFORE ABOUT OUR FAITH IN GOD, AND WHETHER OR NOT WE BELIEVE IN SPIRIT OR WE DON'T BELIEVE IN SPIRIT, AND THE QUESTION IS A WONDERFUL QUESTION BECAUSE FIRST WE HAVE TO BELIEVE IN OUR OWN SPIRIT. BEFORE WE CAN ACCEPT THE POSSIBILITY THAT A SPIRIT EXISTS OUTSIDE, WE FIRST HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT ONE EXISTS INSIDE. AND I TELL YOU, I JUST HAVE THAT KIND OF AN EGO THAT'S ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED. IN FACT, I DON'T BELIEVE, I KNOW BEYOND A SHADOW OF ANY DOUBT THAT GOING BACK INTO THE GROUND IS NOT THE END OF ME, BECAUSE MY EGO WOULDN'T ALLOW SUCH A THING. YOU SEE, I DO BELIEVE THAT THE EGO SERVES A WONDERFUL PURPOSE. AND I DON'T EVEN ENTERTAIN SUCH NEGATIVE THINKING THAT, YOU KNOW, I'M GOING TO BE PLANTED SOMEDAY, AND WHO KNOWS HOW SOON, AND THAT'S THE END OF ME -- WHAT A WASTE OF LIFE. NO. SO FIRST WE HAVE GOT TO BELIEVE, OR AT LEAST ACCEPT THE POSSIBILITY, THAT WE ARE THIS MINUTE SPIRIT. AND BECAUSE WE ARE SPIRIT, THOSE THAT WE PHYSICALLY SEE, THEY, TOO, ARE SPIRIT. AND WHEN THEY SHED THEIR PHYSICAL BODY, CONSIDERING THAT THE SPIRIT IS NOT COMPOSED OF THAT PHYSICAL SUBSTANCE, THERE IS NO LONGER ANY QUESTION, FOR THE ANSWER IS SELF-EVIDENT.

NOW, IN THESE CLASSES IN THIS SEMESTER, SURELY TO ME AT LEAST, I HAVE FOUND IT MOST INTERESTING, VIBRATION IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING. BUT IF YOU THINK THAT YOUR PATH IS A HEAVY ONE AND THAT PERHAPS SOMEONE ELSE HAS A LIGHTER ONE, SOMEDAY, YOU WILL HAVE THE PATH THAT YOU THINK IS LIGHTER, AND SEE HOW HEAVY IT REALLY IS. NOW I HOPE YOU DON'T GET ME WRONG AND THINK THAT I AM WALLOWING IN SELF-PITY BECAUSE THIS IS MY BIRTHDAY. I'M VERY PLEASED THAT

I'VE MANAGED TO SURVIVE THIS LONG ON EARTH BECAUSE THERE WERE MANY TIMES THAT I DIDN'T THINK THERE WERE GOING TO BE THAT MANY YEARS LEFT. BUT WHAT IS IT, WE MUST I THINK ASK OURSELF, WHAT ARE WE DOING THIS MOMENT, WHAT HAVE WE DONE THIS DAY? BECAUSE IF WE'LL ONLY STAY AWARE OF THIS DAY AND NOT SPEND SO MUCH TIME AND SO MUCH ENERGY, AND SO MUCH EFFORT, BEING CONCERNED ABOUT ALL THOSE TOMORROWS, BEING SO UNHAPPY ABOUT ALL THOSE YESTERDAYS. I NEVER KNOW FROM DAY TO DAY WHETHER I'M GOING TO BE HERE OR I'M GOING TO BE THERE. BUT MOST OF YOU ARE AWARE TO SOME EXTENT WHERE YOU ARE GOING TO BE, 'CAUSE YOUR MIND MAKES A JUDGMENT, YOU FOLLOW THAT JUDGMENT AND YOU GO WHERE YOUR MIND TELLS YOU TO GO. BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE A MEDIUM IN THIS WORK, YOU SEE, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SACRIFICE THAT. YOU'LL HAVE TO GO WHERE SOMEONE ELSE TELLS YOU TO GO, WHEN THEY TELL YOU TO GO, AND DO WHAT THEY TELL YOU TO DO, WHEN THEY TELL YOU TO DO IT. ARE WE WILLING TO GIVE UP THAT PRECIOUS SELF-WILL TO GAIN SOMETHING THAT IS FAR GREATER, FAR BROADER, AND CERTAINLY MORE BENEFICIAL? WELL, YOU TAKE A LOOK AT MARRIED PEOPLE. THE HUSBAND TELLS THE WIFE WHERE TO GO, OR TRIES TO, WHERE TO GO, WHEN TO GO, WHAT TO DO, AND HOW TO DO IT. AND THEY HAVE PROBLEMS. AND THEN THE WIFE TELLS THE HUSBAND WHAT TO DO, HOW TO DO IT, WHERE TO GO, AND WHEN TO GO. AND HE HAS PROBLEMS. SO IF WE HAVE PROBLEMS BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE TELLS US WHAT TO DO, HOW TO DO IT, WHEN TO DO IT, AND WHERE TO DO IT, THEN HOW IN THE NAME OF GOD CAN WE EVER ACCEPT A GUIDANCE GREATER THAN WHAT OUR MIND IS DICTATING. IF WE CAN'T ACCEPT IT FROM A HUSBAND OR WIFE WITH WHOM WE HAVE A RAPPORT, AND CERTAINLY AN ATTACHMENT, HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY ACCEPT IT FROM SOME DECARNATE SPIRIT FLOATING AROUND IN SPACE? HUM? I THINK IT WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT. INDEED, I THINK IT WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT.

AND SO WHAT DO WE HAVE TO GIVE UP TO GAIN
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THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR DESIRE IF MEDIUMSHIP IS WHAT WE WANT? WELL, WE HAVE TO GIVE UP THE SELF-WILL. AND I'M SURE THAT EVERYONE WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT IS NOT AN EASY THING TO GIVE UP. 'CAUSE IF IT WAS SO EASY TO GIVE UP, MORE PEOPLE WOULD BE DOING IT, DON'T YOU THINK? NO.

WHEN WE HAVE OVER-IDENTIFIED WITH SELF, THEN WE EXPERIENCE A GREAT DEAL OF SELF-WILL. SO THE FIRST STEP WE HAVE TO MAKE IS TO IDENTIFY WITH SOMETHING BESIDES SELF -- SOMETHING MUCH GREATER, SOMETHING MUCH BROADER. BECAUSE YOU CANNOT GIVE UP THE SELF-WILL WITHOUT IDENTIFYING WITH SOMETHING GREATER THAN THE SELF.

SO IN SPIRITUAL UNFOLDMENT AND GOING ALONG THE PATH OF EVOLUTION, IT'S A MATTER OF MAKING AN EFFORT ON A CONSTANT DAILY BASIS OF IDENTIFYING WITH SOMETHING GREATER THAN SELF. AND THEN YOU REALLY TEST YOURSELF WHEN YOU HAVE A STRONG DESIRE AND THAT WHICH YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED WITH DOES NOT AGREE WITH YOU, AND YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT SOMETHING GREATER THAT YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED WITH, AND BOW YOUR SELF-WILL. THAT'S THE FIRST STEP ON THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL AWAKENING -- IS IDENTIFYING WITH SOMETHING GREATER. NOW HOW DOES ONE MOVE FROM THE OVER-IDENTIFICATION WITH HIS LITTLE SMALL SELF TO SOMETHING GREATER? YOU JUST CANNOT JUMP FROM HERE WAY OVER TO THERE -- THAT'S CONTRARY TO THE PROCESS OF EVOLUTION. NO. NO. YOU GO STEP, BY STEP, BY STEP. SO, YOU BEGIN BY IDENTIFYING WITH ANOTHER PERSON.

MARRIAGE IS A WONDERFUL INSTITUTION, FOR IT GRANTS TO EACH PERSON THE OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY WITH ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL. NOW THIS VERY CLEAR PRINCIPLE IS STATED HERE IN THE LIVING LIGHT BOOK -- TO IDENTIFY. SO, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU MAKE THE EFFORT TO IDENTIFY WITH YOUR HUSBAND OR WIFE, TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHY THEY FEEL THE WAY THEY DO, WHAT THEIR DESIRES ARE,

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BE NOT DISTURBED WITH ALL THE FLUCTUATING EXPERIENCES OF LIFE. THEY'RE SERVING THEIR PURPOSE. YOUR SECURITY WAS NEVER EVER POSSIBLE IN MENTAL SUBSTANCE. YOUR LIFE ALREADY HAS TAUGHT YOU THAT SIMPLE YET GREAT TRUTH. NO ONE IS SECURE. IN A DUAL VIBRATION OF OPPOSITES, WHICH THE MIND BY ITS VERY NATURE IS, OUR ONLY SECURITY IS WHEN WE FREE OURSELF FROM CREATION AND CONTINUE TO BE IN IT AND NOT A PART OF IT. JUST TO REMEMBER, WE HAVE COME TO EARTH TO SERVE A GREAT AND GOOD PURPOSE. THOUGH OUR MINDS KNOW IT NOT, OUR SOULS ARE VERY MUCH AWARE AND THAT GREAT AND GOOD PURPOSE THAT WE HAVE ENTERED THE EARTH REALM TO FULFILL, OH, INDEED, IT SHALL BE FULFILLED. BUT YOUR MINDS SHALL KNOW IT NOT. FOR WHATEVER THE MIND KNOWS, THE MIND CONTROLS. AND THE SPIRITUAL PURPOSE OF YOUR SOUL'S JOURNEY CANNOT BE FULFILLED WHEN YOUR MIND GAINS CONTROL AND SO IT IS GOD'S GREATEST WORK IS DONE IN THE SILENCE OF THE MIND. GOOD DAY.

(This class, which was given on May 8, 1980, is available on recorded cassette tape.)

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WHAT THEIR PROBLEMS ARE. DO YOU HAVE THE TOLERANCE AND THE COMPASSION? IF YOU HAVE TRULY IDENTIFIED WITH ANOTHER PERSON, THEN YOU HAVE THE TOLERANCE NECESSARY TO HELP THEM, YOU HAVE THE PATIENCE THAT'S NECESSARY TO HELP THEM, YOU HAVE THE COMPASSION, YOU HAVE THE ENCOURAGEMENT -- BECAUSE IF YOU DO NOT FEEL ENCOURAGED, HOW
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Gems of Light

*A HEALTHY MIND IS A STUDENT WHO DISAGREES
WITH HIS TEACHER.*

*A SPIRITUAL MIND IS A STUDENT WHO KNOWS
WHEN TO SPEAK.*

*THAT THAT WE FREE, FREES US.
THAT THAT WE BIND, BINDS US.*

FEELING GOOD IS A NECESSITY, NOT A LUXURY.

EMOTIONS ARE THE SERVANTS OF PRIDE.

THAT THAT TROUBLES US CONTROLS US.

*WHAT WE CANNOT TOLERATE IN ANOTHER, WE HAVE
NOT EDUCATED IN OURSELVES.*

*WHAT WE ENTERTAIN IN THOUGHT, WE CREATE IN
FORM.*

*A WISE TEACHER USES WHATEVER METHODS LEGAL
TO TEACH THE STUDENT.*

Spiritual Healing

Debra Guerin*

THROUGH THE DIVINE LAW OF TOTAL ACCEPTANCE DOES THE HEALING POWER OF PEACE FLOW UNOBSTRUCTED. FOR GOD IS IN EVERYTHING, AND BEING THE SUSTAINING POWER OF EVERYTHING, GOD, THE NEUTRAL DIVINE ENERGY DENIES NOTHING. FOR GOD, BEING NEUTRAL DOES NOT JUDGE THE RIGHT AND THE WRONG IN CREATION. IT IS MANKIND, GROUNDED WITH SELF-RELATED THOUGHTS WHO DENIES THE RIGHT OF GOD TO SUSTAIN ALL OF LIFE'S EXPRESSION. WHEN MAN DOES THIS, HE LIMITS HIS ACCEPTANCES IN LIFE AND CREATES DENIAL IN HIS LIFE'S EXPERIENCES.

WE CANNOT GRANT TO ANOTHER WHAT WE DO NOT FIRST GRANT TO OURSELF. WHEN WE DENY THE RIGHT OF EXPRESSION OF A LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS, WE BUILD A FORTRESS IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS TO PROTECT OUR JUDGMENT. THIS FORTRESS IN OUR MIND STOPS THE FLOW OF HARMONY AND BEAUTY IN OUR LIVES. THE MORE JUDGMENTS WE ENTERTAIN IN THOUGHT, THE SMALLER OUR WORLD BECOMES. WE FIND GREAT DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING THE SMALLEST TASK, FOR SO MANY JUDGMENTS RISE UP TO STOP US.

AS WE MAKE THE EFFORT TO VIEW OUR JUDGMENTS FOR WHAT THEY TRULY ARE, TO REALIZE THAT EVERY TIME WE JUDGE, WE ARE TELLING GOD THAT WE KNOW MORE THAN GOD. AND THINKING WE KNOW MORE THAN GOD, WE MAKE OURSELVES GREATER THAN GOD IN OUR MIND, GUARANTEEING THE LAW OF DENIAL TO RETURN TO US. FOR IF WE DENY THE RIGHT OF GOD, WE FIND THAT THE THINGS WHICH WE DESIRE IN LIFE ARE DENIED US. WE FIND DISHARMONY THROUGHOUT OUR EXPERIENCES AND OUR HEALTH BECOMES AFFECTED BY THE DISHARMONY OF OUR THOUGHTS. SO IF WE TRULY WANT TO LIVE A LIFE OF JOYFUL ABUNDANCE, OF PERFECT HEALTH, WEALTH AND HAPPINESS, WE MUST MAKE THE EFFORT TO RELEASE OUR JUDGMENTS OF LIMIT AND DENIAL AND ACCEPT THE POSSIBILITY OF SOMETHING GREATER.

Visitors' Views

"THIS WAS MY FIRST TIME HERE AND I REALLY ENJOYED WHAT THE FOUNDER SAID TO ME. THANK YOU." - C.W.

"IT IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR A LITTLE SPIRITUALITY. A VERY GOOD ATMOSPHERE. SMOOTHING." - E.L.

"INSPIRATIONAL." - J.E.M.

"THIS WAS THE FIRST SERVICE I ATTENDED. I WAS VERY AMAZED AT MY COMMUNICATION. I WAS TOLD ABOUT MY SUPER-SENSITIVITY, AND MY NEED TO BE NEAR WATER, WHICH ARE BOTH VERY TRUE. THERE WERE A FEW OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS THAT GIVE ME QUITE A LOT TO EXAMINE. I AM VERY PLEASED I ATTENDED THE SERVICE. THANK YOU."

"I THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY WELL BALANCED SERVICE." - J.C.

"A GOOD AND GENTLE COMMUNION. I DO NOT ATTEND OFTEN BUT IT IS ALWAYS VALUABLE. I ATTEND JUST SO MUCH AS FEELS GOOD AND FEEL NO PRESSURE TO ATTEND MORE. THANK YOU."

Invocation

GOD HELP US TO SEE
THAT EVERY DENIAL
IS A DENIAL OF THEE

Reading

THE LIVING LIGHT PHILOSOPHY TEACHES THAT "PUNISHMENT IS A LACK OF ACCEPTING SOMETHING GREATER." WHENEVER WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT ANYTHING BENEFICAL TO US, WHETHER IT BE A CHANGE IN OUR ATTITUDE, A CHANGE IN OUR HABITS, OR ANYTHING NEW, WHETHER IT BE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, OR SPIRITUAL, WE PUNISH OURSELVES. AND WHENEVER WE DENY EVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF SOMETHING GREATER IT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE A NEED TO PUNISH OURSELVES. THAT NEED WAS BORN WHEN AS LITTLE CHILDREN WE FELT BETTER WHEN WE WERE PUNISHED, BECAUSE WE WERE RELIEVED OF OUR GUILTY FEELINGS. THE PUNISHMENT WE EXPERIENCED AS CHILDREN MAY HAVE BEEN A DENIAL OF SOMETHING WE REALLY WANTED, SOMETHING GOOD, SOMETHING GREATER. THAT PUNISHMENT OR DENIAL OF SOMETHING WE WANTED AS A CHILD CREATED A TAPE IN OUR MIND WHICH, IF WE ALLOW IT TO, PLAYS EVEN AFTER WE HAVE GROWN UP EVERYTIME WE ARE OFFERED SOMETHING GREATER, OR THE POSSIBILITY OF SOMETHING GREATER. IF WE DENY EVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF SOMETHING GREATER IN OUR LIFE, THE REVELATION IS THAT WE LOVE PUNISHMENT AND THE FEELING ATTACHED TO IT MORE THAN WE LOVE THE GOODNESS THAT IS POSSIBLE.

THUS, WHENEVER WE DENY SOMETHING GREATER, EVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF SOMETHING GREATER, WE ARE FEEDING THE EXPERIENCES OF THE PAST RATHER THAN ACCEPTING THE PRESENT MOMENT, AND WE ARE BOUND TO A REPETITION OF THE PAST. ANYTIME WE ARE FACED WITH A CHOICE OF SOMETHING GOOD FOR
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Serenity Students

by Patricia Lazar*

IN THE LIVING LIGHT PHILOSOPHY WE ARE TAUGHT THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EXPERIENCES IN OUR LIFE. BY ACCEPTING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OUR THOUGHTS, ACTS, AND DEEDS, WE FREE OURSELVES FROM THE DELUSION THAT ANYTHING OUTSIDE OF OURSELVES IS MAKING OUR LIFE THE WAY IT IS. FOR BY BLAMING THE CAUSE OF ANY UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE OURSELVES, WE ONLY CALL FORTH THE EXPERIENCE AGAIN UNTIL WE ACCEPT THE TRUE CAUSE IS INSIDE OF OURSELVES.

WE CREATE THROUGH OUR FAITH IN WHATEVER WE BELIEVE. IF WE BELIEVE IN OUR JUDGMENTS, THEN WE WILL EXPERIENCE THE JUDGMENTS AND SEE HOW FAULTY THE MIND IS.

MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THEY CAN JUST CATCH A COLD BECAUSE EVERYONE AROUND THEM HAS A COLD. THROUGH THEIR BELIEF THAT THEY WOULD CATCH A COLD, THEY SET THAT LAW INTO MOTION AND BECOME SICK. BY GUARDING OUR THOUGHTS AND AFFIRMING THE GOOD IN LIFE, WE WILL EXPERIENCE THE GOODNESS OF LIFE.

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Children's Corner

WHEN WE ARE AWARE OF WHAT WE ARE DOING TO PEOPLE WE THINK OF HOW IT WOULD BE IF THEY TREATED US THAT WAY AND IF YOU DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE NICE FOR YOU, YOU SHOULDN'T DO IT TO OTHERS."

Michael Field, Age 12

HEALTH IS HEALTH. WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE HEALTH THEN YOU HAVE TO TALK TO GOD. THEN SAY YOUR PRAYERS AT NIGHT. AND WHEN YOU DON'T SAY YOUR PRAYERS AT NIGHT YOU DON'T GET HEALTH.

IF YOU DON'T TALK TO GOD AND BE AT PEACE AND PUT WARM CLOTHES ON IN THE MORNING THEN YOU GET SICK. THEN WHEN YOU DON'T FEEL GOOD, TO FEEL GOOD AGAIN I HAVE TO THINK HAPPY THOUGHTS.

Richie Arcona, Age 7

WHEN SOME PEOPLE DO BAD THINGS THEY GET A SPANKING AND WHEN I DON'T DO BAD STUFF I DON'T GET A SPANKING.


I'M GOING TO ASK MOMMIE TO HELP ME SAY MY PRAYERS IN THE MORNING BEFORE I GO TO SCHOOL AND EVERY NIGHT BEFORE I GO TO BED.

Tommie Arcona, Age 4

HEALING PRAYER. I LIKE THE HEALING POWER BECAUSE IT REMOVES ALL THE BAD THINGS INSIDE OF ME. THE DIVINE HEALING POWER TAKES ALL BAD THOUGHTS FROM YOUR MIND. AFTER I FEEL BETTER I'M GOING TO KEEP SAYING MY HEALING PRAYER TO KEEP THE HEALING WITH ME.

Erisa Coppernolli, Age 5

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Is removing all obstructions
From my mind and body
And is restoring me to perfect
Health, wealth and happiness.
My heart is filled with gratitude
For the Divine Law of Acceptance
That is healing both present and absent ones
Who are in need of help.
Peace, the power that healeth,
Is guiding my thoughts, acts and deeds,
As God and I go hand in hand
Living a life of joyful abundance.



Poet's Pen

HOME

I'D LIKE TO BE A LITTLE BIRD
AWAY UP IN THE SKY
LOOKING DOWN ON EVERY TOWN
THAT I FLEW BY.

AND IF I GOT WEARY
FLYING ALL ABOUT
I WOULD REST MY HEAD
ON A SOFT CLOUD BED.

FLYING UP THERE IN THE SKY
FREE WOULD I BE
FOR THE STARS TO GUIDE ME
HOME, O GOD, TO THEE.

-Beverly Houser

BELIEVE

BELIEVE IN MIRACLES
BELIEVE THEY'RE TRUE
BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING
CAN BECOME REAL.

FOR EXPERIENCE HAS HAPPENED
IT HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE
AND IS WAITING ONLY
FOR YOUR ACCEPTANCE.

BELIEVE IT IS TRUE
THAT YOU ARE FREE
FREE TO CHOOSE WHICH REALITY
YOU WANT TO BE.

- Beverly Houser

In Our Thoughts

BROTHER

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JESSIE JONES

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ERIK OTHBERG

GRETA OTHBERG

SHELIEKA

TERRY SKOLNICK

ROBERT STOUT

SUNSHINE

BRITTA UPPSTROM

ESTHER YAVNEH

SIDNEY YAVNEH

VERA YODAVITCH

ZUANNAA

TO SEND A HELPFUL THOUGHT OF JOY AND LIGHT
TO THOSE YOU LOVE WHO HAVE PASSED TO THE HIGHER
LIFE, LIST THEIR NAMES IN THIS COLUMN. DONATION
OF ONE DOLLAR PER NAME IS REQUESTED.

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HAVE GIVEN TO IT. WHEN WE SEEK TO CONTROL, AND IT IS THE VERY NATURE OF THE HUMAN MIND EVER, EVER TO GATHER, EVER TO GARNER, EVER TO SEEK TO CONTROL. FOR YOU SEE, MY FRIENDS, THE INFINITE PART OF YOU IMPINGES UPON YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS AND TELLS YOU THE DIVINE, DEMONSTRABLE TRUTH THAT FREEDOM AND TRUTH IS AN EFFECT OF SELF-CONTROL. BUT WHEN IT REACHES THE UNEDUCATED EGO, THAT PART OF US THAT LIVES IN THE DARKNESS AND THE SHADOWS OF THE PAST, THEN IT STRIVES TO CONTROL THAT WHICH IS OUT THERE, FOR IT DOES NOT ACCEPT THE LAW OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY THAT FREEDOM, TRUTH AND ABUNDANT GOOD IS AN EFFECT OF CONTROLLING WHAT'S IN HERE. AND SO, WE GO TO THE VIDEO GAMES AND THE COMPUTERS AND WE ARE CHALLENGED TO CONTROL A MACHINE THAT WE ALONE HAVE DESIGNED. AND THE MOMENT THAT WE SUCCEED, WE FEEL GOOD, AND BECAUSE FEELING GOOD IS A NECESSITY, WE BECOME ADDICTED -- NOT TO A MACHINE, THAT IS ONLY AN INSTRUMENT THROUGH WHICH OUR JUDGMENTS HAVE PERMITTED US TO FEEL GOOD -- AND WE BECOME SO ADDICTED THAT WE NO LONGER FUNCTION IN A SOCIETY OF BALANCE, OF WORK, OF EFFORT, AND WE BECOME THE VICTIMS OF THE GAMES THAT WE PLAY. THE VIDEO GAMES IN THE COMPUTER AGE ARE ONLY MANIFESTATION OF THE GAMES WE HAVE PLAYED FOR A LIFETIME. THEY ARE THE OUTWARD MANIFESTATIONS OF OUR OWN INNER ATTITUDES OF MIND. LET US VIEW THEM FOR WHAT THEY ARE THAT THE CHANGE MAY COME IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS, WITHIN OURSELVES, FOR FREEDOM OR BONDAGE IS NOT DEPENDENT UPON THAT WHICH IS WITHOUT. IT IS EVER DEPENDENT UPON THAT WHICH IS WITHIN. AND SO WE ARE LIVING IN AN AGE WHEN FEAR SHALL SLOWLY BUT SURELY BEGIN TO OUTLAW THAT WHICH IT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND. NONE OF US DESIRE TO BE THE VICTIM. WE ALL SEEK TO BE IN CONTROL. BUT WHEN WE TAKE THE INWARD JOURNEY, WHEN WE MAKE THE EFFORT, "O MAN TO KNOW THYSELF," WE MUST FACE THE VICTIMIZATION

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WHICH IS THE EFFECT OF THE LACK OF EFFORT OF CONTROLLING OUR OWN THOUGHT. I DO HOPE THAT HAS HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THAT QUESTION. I WAS WONDERING ABOUT THE EIGHTY-ONE LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS, AND WONDERING IF YOU COULD CHANGE AN ILLNESS BY SINGING A LOT? WOULD YOU COMMENT ON THAT QUESTION?

ANSWER: ABSOLUTELY. FIRST OF ALL, OUR UNDERSTANDING OF ILLNESS, OR DISEASE, IS SIMPLY DISCORD. WE UNDERSTAND DISCORD IS INHARMONY -- THE LACK OF HARMONY, AND THAT IS WHAT DISEASE IS. WHEN WE ARE OUT OF BALANCE, WE EXPERIENCE DISCORD, DISEASE. NOW, WHATEVER THE MIND, WHICH IS THE GREAT OBSTRUCTION BETWEEN -- YOU SEE, IT IS THE MIND THAT SEPARATES US FROM THE DIVINE SOURCE OF WHICH WE ALL ARE A PART -- IT IS OUR MIND THAT THINKS WE ARE SEPARATE. WE ARE IN TRUTH A PART OF THE INFINITE, DIVINE PRINCIPLE OF LIFE, WE ARE INSEPARABLY A PART THEREOF. IT IS THE MIND THAT HAS DELUDED US THAT WE ARE SEPARATE FROM THAT SOURCE. WHATEVER THE JUDGMENTS OF THE MIND WILL PERMIT TO ALLOW THE INDIVIDUAL TO EXPERIENCE THE FULLNESS OF THE DIVINE LAW OF HARMONY WILL RESTORE THEIR HEALTH. NOW, IF THAT IS SINGING, IF FOR ONE PERSON SINGING HELPS THEM TO RESTORE HARMONY IN THEIR UNIVERSE, THEN THEY WILL EXPERIENCE ITS EFFECT OF HEALTH. FOR SOMEONE ELSE IT MAY BE GARDENING, FOR SOMEONE ELSE IT MAY BE SAILING. WHATEVER YOUR MIND, NOT JUST YOUR CONSCIOUS MIND, BUT THE GREAT COMPUTER HERE THAT HAS ALL THE MEMORY BANKS, WHATEVER IT WILL ALLOW YOU TO EXPERIENCE HARMONY, FOR THAT LAW TO ENTER YOUR UNIVERSE, WILL RESTORE YOUR HEALTH.

THANK YOU.

YOU'RE WELCOME. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

QUESTION: I'D LIKE TO REALLY UNDERSTAND JUDGMENT SO I WOULDN'T JUDGE IT.

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ANSWER: THANK YOU --IT'S A MOST INTERESTING QUESTION.

QUESTION: I HEAR YOU TALK ABOUT IT SO MUCH, AND I REALLY TRY HARD TO UNDERSTAND, MAYBE MY EFFORTS GETTING IN THE WAY OF UNDERSTANDING, BUT WHAT I WANT TO ASK OF YOU IS, IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, LIKE WE GO SOMEWHERE, AND THERE ARE CERTAIN TYPES OF PEOPLE THERE, AND THEY ARE NICE PEOPLE, BUT WE DON'T GET THE HIGH FROM THESE PEOPLE THAT WE GET FROM OTHER PEOPLE -- ARE WE JUDGING THOSE PEOPLE? OR, SHOULD WE EQUALLY EXPERIENCE, NO MATTER WHERE WE GO, THE SAME GOOD FEELING, EVERYWHERE. BECAUSE I FIND MYSELF BEING SELECT WITH THINGS AND PEOPLE... SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES.

ANSWER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR QUESTION. THE LAW CLEARLY STATES AND DEMONSTRATES THAT LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE AND BECOMES THE LAW OF ATTACHMENT. NOW GOODNESS, OR GOD, IS ALWAYS WHERE WE ARE. IT IS NOT WHERE SOMEONE ELSE IS UNLESS WE PERMIT OUR MIND, OUR MIND, TO MAKE IT SO. NOW, LET US PAUSE AND THINK. WE MEET A PERSON ON THE STREET -- SOMEONE THAT WE KNOW. AND WE SAY HELLO, AND THEY RESPOND. BUT THEY DO NOT RESPOND, IN OUR THINKING, THE WAY THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE RESPONDED. IS THE PERSON THAT WE MEET AT FAULT, OR ARE WE, IN OUR ERROR, AT FAULT? THE QUESTION IS, WHICH COMES FIRST, THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG? AND LET US PAUSE.

LIFE IS EVER AS WE -- THINK NOW -- WE -- MAKE IT; SHE IS ALWAYS AS WE, AND WE, TAKE IT. NOW, TO PERMIT IT TO BE OTHERWISE, TO ENTER THE REALM OF ILLUSION, AND TO PERMIT YOUR LIFE, YOUR GOODNESS, YOUR HAPPINESS, YOUR ABUNDANCE, YOUR HEALTH, AND YOUR WELFARE TO BE DEPENDENT UPON THE ACTS, THOUGHTS, AND ACTIVITIES OF SOMETHING BEYOND YOUR CONTROL IS TO BE THE VICTIM OF WHAT MAN CALLS CIRCUMSTANCES. THAT IS NOT THE DESIGN OF LIFE HERSELF. IT IS WHAT THE

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ERROR IN OUR THOUGHT HAS CREATED.

WE ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE -- WE ALONE -- FOR OUR THOUGHTS, OUR ACTS AND OUR ACTIVITIES. TO PERMIT OUR MIND TO TELL US THAT SOMEONE ELSE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHETHER OR NOT WE FEEL GOOD, WHETHER WE ARE LOW OR WHETHER WE ARE HIGH, IS TO SERVE A VERY SELFISH, VERY SELFISH, IGNORANT LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS. CERTAINLY IT IS NOT THE ABUNDANT GOOD WHICH IS OUR BIRTHRIGHT. BUT WE ALONE MUST MAKE THAT EFFORT, WE ALONE MUST BECOME AWARE OF OUR THOUGHTS THAT STAND BETWEEN US AND THE GOODNESS THAT IS OUR RIGHT. WE ALONE MUST BECOME AWARE AND NOT PERMIT OURSELVES TO FEEL GOOD BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE DOES WHAT WE WANT THEM TO DO WHEN WE WANT THEM TO DO IT. WE ALONE MUST STAND IN THE MIDST OF THE SO-CALLED PHILISTINES TO BE FREE. NO ONE FREES US BUT OURSELF. NO ONE THINKS FOR US, BUT ONLY IN OUR OWN THINKING AND ERROR DO WE PERMIT IT TO BE. TO TELL OURSELVES THAT WE CAN ONLY FEEL GOD WHEN WE ARE EXPOSED TO CERTAIN PEOPLE, THAT WE CAN ONLY FEEL GOD WHEN CERTAIN THINGS ARE HAPPENING, IS TO LIMIT THE GOD THAT WE ARE TRYING TO EXPERIENCE, AND TO LIMIT THE GOD, THE FORMLESS, FREE, DIVINE SPIRIT IS TO SERVE THE GODS OF CLAY FEET, THE FALSE GODS OF WHICH THE PROPHETS OF OLD HAVE SPOKEN SO MANY, MANY TIMES. WHAT WERE THE FALSE GODS OF WHICH THE BIBLE SPEAKS? - THE JUDGMENTS THAT WE SERVE IN OUR ERROR OF IGNORANCE., WE CAN FEEL GOOD, OR GOD, NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE, AND NO MATTER WHAT WE BE, OR WHAT WE DO, IF WE AWAKEN IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS AND IN SO DOING TAKE CONTROL OF OUR THOUGHTS.

I KNOW THAT IF WE WILL MAKE THE EFFORT TO BECOME AWARE OF WHAT THE GREATEST SIN OF WHICH THE PROPHETS SPOKE, THE SIN OF PRIDE, BY SIN WE MEAN ERROR. BUT LET US UNDERSTAND WHAT PRIDE IS. WHAT IS PRIDE BUT THE CROWN OF THE UNAWAKENED AND UNILLUMINED HUMAN EGO. THAT'S WHAT IT IS. WHAT IS IT COMPOSED OF? IT IS

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COMPOSED OF THOUGHTS AND THOUGHT PATTERNS THAT CONSTITUTE WHAT WE CALL JUDGMENTS. WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG IS EVER DEPENDENT UPON WHAT WE WANT TO MAKE IT, FOR NOTHING IS EVER RIGHT OR WRONG BUT ONLY THINKING MAKES IT SO. ARE WE TO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE TWO GODS IN THE UNIVERSE? OR, ARE WE TO BELIEVE THERE IS ONE DIVINE, INFINITE, INTELLIGENT PRINCIPLE THAT SUSTAINS ALL OF LIFE? FOR IF WE ARE TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A GOD THAT DICTATES THAT THIS IS WHAT YOU SHALL DO, AND ONLY THAT SHALL YOU DO, THEN WE WILL NOT HAVE ANY LONGER GOD'S MANIFESTATION KNOWN AS VARIETY, FOR IT COULD NOT POSSIBLY LIVE IN SUCH BONDAGE.

LET US GRANT UNTO OURSELVES THE RIGHT OF CHOICE. LET US BE KIND TO OURSELVES, AND GRANT THE RIGHT OF CHOICE. FOR IF WE DO NOT GRANT UNTO OURSELF THE RIGHT OF CHOICE, THERE IS NO WAY POSSIBLE THAT WE CAN GRANT IT TO ANOTHER, FOR MAN CAN ONLY GIVE WHAT HE FIRST HAS. AND IF WE DO NOT FIRST GRANT OURSELF THE RIGHT OF CHOICE THE RIGHT OF DIFFERENCE, WE CANNOT GIVE THAT, OR GRANT THAT, TO ANOTHER HUMAN BEING. THAT WHICH WE ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE UPON ANOTHER IS ONLY THE REVELATION OF WHAT WE ARE IMPOSING UPON OURSELF. THINK, WHAT KIND OF A GOD WOULD IT BE, WHAT KIND OF GOODNESS WOULD IT BE THAT WOULD NOT PERMIT THE SNAKE TO CRAWL THE GROUND, THAT WOULD NOT PERMIT THE ANT TO BE EQUAL IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ANGEL. DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THERE IS ANY DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE PRINCIPLE BETWEEN THE INSECT CALLED THE ANT AND THE DIVINE ANGEL? OF COURSE THERE CAN BE NO DIFFERENCE, ONLY THE FORM THROUGH WHICH THE DIVINE, INFINITE, FORMLESS, INTELLIGENT SPIRIT IS EXPRESSING.

IF WE CHOOSE TO SEE THE LIMITS WITHIN OURSELF, THEN THAT'S WHAT OUR LIFE SHALL BE. AND WHEN WE ENTER AND MEET ANYONE WHO IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE LIMITS WE HAVE SET FOR

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CAN YOU POSSIBLY IDENTIFY WITH THEM AND HELP TO INSPIRE AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO MAKE THE CHANGES THAT THEY KNOW, BUT THEY'RE STILL QUITE WEAK AND STUMBLING ALONG THE PATH. YOU SEE, THE SOUL FACULTIES HAVE TO BE OPENED, AND THEY GET OPENED WHEN YOU MAKE THE EFFORT TO IDENTIFY WITH ANOTHER PERSON. NOW, IF YOU DON'T HAVE A HUSBAND, OR YOU DON'T HAVE A WIFE, THERE ARE UNTOLD MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THE UNIVERSE WITH WHOM YOU CAN IDENTIFY. NOW, IF YOU SAY THAT THIS PERSON, YOU JUST CANNOT STAND THE WAY THEY ARE -- YOU CANNOT TOLERATE BECAUSE THEY CANNOT SEE -- NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TALK TO THEM -- THEY CANNOT SEE THE WAY, THAT PERSON WILL DO YOU THE MOST GOOD. FOR THEY ARE WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR YOU TO SEE WHICH OF YOUR SOUL FACULTIES ARE CLOSED.

NOW YOU KNOW IN THIS PHILOSOPHY THERE IS THAT LITTLE SAYING -- "THAT THAT DISTURBS US CONTROLS US." SO WHEN YOU IDENTIFY WITH SOMEONE, IF YOU FEEL DISTURBED IN YOUR EFFORTS TO HELP THEM AS YOU ARE HELPING YOURSELF, OF COURSE -- FOR THAT'S WHAT IT'S REALLY ALL ABOUT FOR THAT'S HOW IT WORKS -- THEN YOU WAKE UP AND SEE HOW THEY CONTROL YOU. THEY DO NOT CONTROL YOUR STRENGTHS, THEY CONTROL YOUR WEAKNESSES. AND WHEN YOU AWAKEN THAT WHAT THEY ARE CONTROLLING IN YOUR LIFE ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES, YOU START TO BECOME IRRITATED -- FROM DISTURBANCE TO IRRITATION. NOW, YOU ARE NOT IRRITATED WITH THAT PERSON. NO. YOU ARE IRRITATED WITH YOUR OWN WEAKNESSES -- THE ONES THAT YOU PUSHED OUT OF SIGHT OF YOUR CONSCIOUS EGO AND YOU SHOVE THEM WAY DOWN BELOW -- THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE IRRITATED WITH. YOU'RE IRRITATED WITH YOUR OWN WEAKNESSES, A WEAKNESS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN HAVING THE PATIENCE, THE WISDOM OF PATIENCE, TO WORK YEAR, AFTER YEAR, AFTER YEAR WITH A PERSON, TO CONSTANTLY REPEAT -- AGAIN, AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN. BUT WHAT WE FORGET, SO

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OFTEN, IS THAT SOMEONE ALONG THE WAY WORKED WITH US. FOR ANY SOUL FACULTY THAT WE HAVE OPEN, SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE, AT SOMETIME WORKED WITH US. WHETHER OR NOT WE CONSCIOUSLY RECALL THAT IS NOT IMPORTANT. AND, SO THEREFORE, BECAUSE SOMEONE DID WORK WITH US TO HELP US OPEN UP SOME OF THOSE SOUL FACULTIES, WE ARE THEREFORE QUALIFIED TO HELP ANOTHER, BECAUSE WE CANNOT GRANT TO ANOTHER WHAT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN GRANTED TO OURSELF.

NOW, TO STRENGTHEN OUR WEAKNESSES, WE MUST FIRST BECOME AWARE OF THEM. WE DO NOT BECOME AWARE OF OUR WEAKNESSES UNTIL WE BEGIN TO WORK WITH ANOTHER'S WEAKNESSES. THAT'S WHEN WE GET TO SEE OUR OWN. THAT'S WHEN WE GET TO SEE WHETHER WE ARE SHORT-TEMPERED, WHETHER WE HAVE TOLERANCE, WHETHER WE HAVE PATIENCE. YOU SEE, IF WE HAVE JUDGED THAT WE CAN DO A JOB IN FIVE MINUTES, AND THE SAME JOB IS TAKING SOMEONE ELSE FIFTY MINUTES, AND WE FIND THAT THAT DISTURBS US, THEN WE MUST ASK OURSELF WHAT OUR WEAKNESS IS, FOR WE ARE NOT DISTURBED BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE IS TAKING FIFTY MINUTES TO DO A JOB THAT WE CAN DO IN FIVE MINUTES -- THAT'S NOT THE REASON WE ARE DISTURBED. WE ARE DISTURBED AT THE WEAKNESS THAT IS TAKING CONTROL OF US AT THAT MOMENT. AND WHAT IS THE WEAKNESS? THE WEAKNESS IS THE SOUL FACULTIES -- THE FACULTY OF DUTY, THE FACULTY OF GRATITUDE, THE FACULTY OF TOLERANCE, THE FACULTY OF PATIENCE, THE FACULTY OF ENCOURAGEMENT -- ALL OF THESE FACULTIES, THEY ARE WEAK WITHIN US FOR WE HAVE NOT DIRECTED ENERGY TO THEM. THIS IS WHY WE ARE DISTURBED. WE ARE DISTURBED AT OURSELF AND CONTROLLED BY THE FUNCTIONS WHICH ARE OUT OF BALANCE WITH THE CORRESPONDING FACULTIES. THAT'S WHAT DISTURBS US. AND THEN WE BECOME IRRITATED AND WE START TO WAKE UP. NOW, IF WE WILL TRULY FACE THAT SIMPLE TRUTH WHEN WE'RE WORKING WITH

PEOPLE AND AROUND PEOPLE, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T BE WORKING AROUND PEOPLE WITHOUT WORKING WITH PEOPLE. AND IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, ASK SOME OF THE LADIES THAT WORK IN THE KITCHEN AND KEEP THESE DINNERS GOING. YOU CAN'T BE AROUND SOMEONE WITHOUT MAKING THE EFFORT TO WORK WITH THEM. BECAUSE IF YOU GO AMONGST A GROUP OF PEOPLE TO DO A JOB AND YOU WANT TO BE AN ISLAND SELF-SUFFICIENT UNTO YOUR SELF, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE PROBLEMS BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE AROUND YOU. AND IF YOU STAND THERE, AND THEY'RE DOING THEIR THING AND YOU'RE GOING TO DO YOURS, AND THERE IS NO COMMUNICATION TAKING PLACE, YOU'RE GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT A DIFFICULT THING IT IS FOR YOU BECAUSE IT'S ALL VIBRATION, JUST LIKE SLEEPING.

I NOTICE THAT SOME OF MY STUDENTS SLEEP. I'M GOING TO ASK THE FRIENDS IF I CAN'T GIVE CLASSES MORE OFTEN BECAUSE AT LEAST THEN I HAVE MY EYES OPEN AND I CAN SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THESE CLASSES. THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO MY MIND TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON.

SO WE SEE WHERE THESE STRUGGLES IN OUR LIFE ARE -- ALL THESE SELF-CREATED THINGS. IT CERTAINLY IS INDEED VERY, VERY, VERY INTERESTING. WE MUST ALSO ASK OURSELF WHY DON'T WE WANT TO BOTHER? WHEN WE THINK WE DON'T WANT TO BOTHER TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE, OR THAT WE'VE MADE SOME EFFORT AND THEY ARE JUST NOT GOING TO CHANGE -- TO SAY THAT A PERSON IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE IS TO DENY THE DEMONSTRABLE LAW OF EVOLUTION. TO MAKE THAT JUDGMENT, YOU SEE, WE HAVE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON INSIDE OF US THAT LOOKS OUT AT THE WORLD AND SEES OTHER PEOPLE AND SAYS, "THAT ONE IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE." PERHAPS IT'S ONLY A MICROSCOPIC CHANGE, AND IF THAT MICROSCOPIC CHANGE WE ARE NOT GRATEFUL FOR, THAT'S DENYING THE CRUMB THAT GUARANTEES THE LOAF. BUT WE FIND OFTTIMES THAT WE DON'T WANT TO MAKE SO MUCH EFFORT TO HELP ANOTHER PERSON. IT'S JUST TOO MUCH EFFORT. IT

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JUST TAKES TOO MUCH ENERGY. WHY, MY MIND HAS SAID THAT ABOUT HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE. IT DIDN'T GET TO HAVE ITS WAY. BUT IT CERTAINLY HAS THOUGHT MANY TIMES, AS SOME OF MY STUDENTS PRESENT KNOW THAT HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR A FEW YEARS. BUT I AM INDEED GRATEFUL BECAUSE I HAVE LIVED ON EARTH LONG ENOUGH TO SEE THESE CHANGES TAKE PLACE -- VERY MICROSCOPIC -- SURELY THEY WERE SO SMALL YOU COULD HARDLY SEE THEM. BUT AS YOU LOOK BACK OVER THE YEARS, AND YOU CONSIDER THE STARTING POINT, YES, THE CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE, THE CHANGES FOR THE BETTER.

IF WE WANT TO MAKE CHANGES, AND WE ALL DO -- THERE ARE MANY AREAS OF OUR LIFE WE CERTAINLY WANT CHANGED, BUT OF COURSE WE WANT THAT CHANGE TO TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY -- WE DON'T WANT IT TO BE TEN YEARS FROM TODAY. YOU MUST REMEMBER -- ALL OUR MINDS LOOK OUT TO SEE HOW SOMEONE ELSE IS DOING. THAT'S JUST THE WAY OUR MINDS WORK. AND IF WE MAKE THE JUDGMENT -- "WELL, LET'S SEE, THAT PERSON IS DOING VERY WELL. UMH! I BETTER FIND OUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING, BECAUSE I WANT TO DO SO WELL MYSELF." NOW THIS IS THE WAY OUR LITTLE MINDS WORK AS IT LOOKS AROUND THE WORLD OF CREATION. IT TAKES A LOOK AND SAYS, "YES, YES, I CAN DO THAT, I SEE WHAT THEY'RE DOING -- AND THAT, YES I CAN DO THAT 'CAUSE IT'S WORTH DOING THAT IF THAT'S HOW THEY GOT WHAT THEY GOT." BUT WHAT HAPPENS -- WE DO LOOK AROUND AND WE SAY, "YES UM, HUM" -- BUT WE DO NOT ACCEPT WHAT IS CONTRARY TO THE PATTERNS THAT KEEP US WHERE WE ARE. SO WHAT HAPPENS TO US, YOU SEE, WE DELUDE OURSELF. WE TAKE A LOOK AND WE ACCEPT THAT WHICH IS IN KEEPING WITH THE PATTERNS WE ALREADY HAVE. NOW HOW DO WE OVERCOME SOMETHING LIKE THAT. WELL, IT'S QUITE SIMPLE -- IF YOU LOOK AT A PERSON, AND THAT PERSON WORKS A CERTAIN WAY, DECLARES THE DEMONSTRABLE TRUTH THAT GOD AND GOD ALONE IS THE TRUE AND ONLY SOURCE OF THEIR SUPPLY, DO WE ASK THE PERSON

HOW MANY TIMES A DAY AND NIGHT THEY SAY THAT? OR, DO WE AUTOMATICALLY JUDGE THEY SAY IT MAYBE ONCE IN THE MORNING, MAYBE ONCE FOR LUNCH, AND ONCE AT NIGHT? WE HAVE TO INVESTIGATE -- NOT JUST PRESUME THAT THEY DO THIS AND DO THAT, AND DO THAT, AND THEREFORE WE TRY THAT FOR AWHILE AND IT DOESN'T WORK, AND THAT'S IT -- THE OLD PATTERNS TAKE FULL CHARGE AND FULL CONTROL ALL OVER AGAIN. THIS IS WHY I'M SHARING A LITTLE BIT OF HOW MY MIND WORKS SO THAT YOU WON'T THINK THAT MINE IS SO DIFFERENT FROM YOURS. IT'S JUST THE SAME -- IDENTICALLY THE SAME IN PRINCIPLE -- JUST AS NEGATIVE, JUST AS FEARFUL -- LOADED WITH JUST AS MANY DOUBTS. IT JUST GOES TO SLEEP FOR AWHILE WHEN THE SPIRIT HAS THEIR WORK TO DO. BUT BECAUSE OF THE YEARS, YOU SEE, YOU KNOW, LIKE WATER FLOWING THROUGH THE PIPE, AS THE YEARS GO BY, THAT WHICH IS WITHIN THE WATER DEPOSITS ON THE PIPE. AND SO IT IS, YOU KNOW, WITH A MEDIUM, SOONER OR LATER SOME OF IT'S GOING TO RUB OFF. AND SO, SOME ALONG THE YEARS, YOU SEE, AFTER ALL THAT TIME LITTLE BIT OF IT HAS RUBBED OFF, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO TOTALLY BLOT MY OWN SELF-WILL OUT OF THE WAY. NO.

SO LET'S ASK OURSELF THAT SIMPLE QUESTION: FIRST, WHAT IS IT THAT IS GREATER THAN MY SELF-WILL THAT I'M READY TO IDENTIFY WITH? DURING THE HONEYMOON PHASE OF A MARRIAGE, YOU KNOW, THERE SEEMS TO BE NO PROBLEM AT ALL. THE PARTNERS HAVE IDENTIFIED WITH SOMETHING GREATER THAN THEMSELF. AND EVERYTHING IS JUST PEACHES AND ROSES. BUT WHY DOESN'T IT LAST? NOW THERE ARE MARRIED PEOPLE HERE TONIGHT IN THE CLASS -- WHY DOESN'T IT LAST? WE MUST ASK OURSELF THAT QUESTION. WHY DO MARRIED PEOPLE AFTER A TIME IT SEEMS, MOST OF THEM, START DOING THEIR OWN THING? I MEAN ONE GOES OFF IN THIS DIRECTION, THE OTHER GOES OFF IN THIS DIRECTION. IT'S LIKE TWO STRANGERS LIVING UNDER THE SAME ROOF. IT'S REALLY QUITE SOMETHING TO WITNESS. WHY, WHY DO THEY DO SUCH

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A THING? IS IT BECAUSE THEY WORKED REAL HARD TO GET THE OTHER ONE TO CHANGE COMPLETELY TO THEIR WAY OF THINKING AND THEY FINALLY WOKE UP THAT LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE AND BECOMES THE LAW OF ATTACHMENT, AND THEIR PARTNER HAS JUST AS MUCH SELF-WILL AS THEY HAVE? SO THEY CALL A TRUCE AND GO OFF ON THEIR SEPARATE LITTLE PATHS, EXCEPT THEY STILL LIVE UNDER THE SAME ROOF? IT'S REALLY VERY INTERESTING. IT WOULD SEEM, I'M SURE, THAT TWO PEOPLE SURELY CAN GET MORE ACCOMPLISHED, UNITED, THAN ONE PERSON, IF THEY'RE TRULY UNITED. AND IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THAT'S THE PURPOSE, THE BASIC PURPOSE, TO BOW THE SELF-WILL, SELF INTEREST, FOR THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE, THE WHOLE BEING THE MARRIAGE ITSELF.

NOW THAT'S WHAT THIS CHURCH IS ABOUT. THIS CHURCH HAS VERY FEW PEOPLE. GREAT EFFORT IS MADE CONSTANTLY, TO BRING ABOUT SOME DEGREE OF UNITY. BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU DON'T HAVE UNITY WITHOUT DISCIPLINE, AND YOU DON'T HAVE DISCIPLINE WITHOUT SOME DEGREE OF SELF-CONTROL. SO, ANY ORGANIZATION IS AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE PEOPLE WITHIN IT ARE WILLING TO BOW THEIR SELF-WILL AND SELF INTEREST TO UNITE FOR THE COMMON GOOD. AND IT WOULD SEEM THAT THAT'S WHAT A MARRIAGE SHOULD BE ALL ABOUT -- IS TO UNITE FOR THE COMMON GOOD. AND THE COMMON GOOD DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE CHILDREN. THE COMMON GOOD IS THE VERY PRINCIPLE OF THE MARRIAGE ITSELF. HOWEVER, THAT'S MY VIEW OF MARRIAGE. THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY ALL OF MY STUDENTS' VIEW, I'M SURE.

WELL, DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? THEY CAN JUST RAISE THEIR HAND. YOU KNOW IT'S LIKE AT MY BIRTHDAY PARTY, SOMEBODY SAID I SHOULD HAVE GIVEN A SPEECH -- I TOLD THEM THAT I JUST WAS NOT QUALIFIED AT GIVING SPEECHES, A LECTURE MAYBE -- SPEECHES ABSOLUTELY NOT. NO. I WOULD NEVER MAKE, I'M SURE, A GOOD POLITICIAN, 'CAUSE I'M JUST NOT GOOD AT GIVING SPEECHES. BUT, I'M

TRYING TO SHOW YOU THAT NOT ONLY IS THERE SOMETHING GREATER THAN THE MIND AND ALL OF ITS GAMES. YOU KNOW, IT MUST BE VERY WEARY FOR THE MIND TO BE WORKING SO HARD TO GET SO MANY THINGS DONE, AND TO TIE UP ALL THE LOOSE ENDS. YOU SEE, IF YOU CAN JUST BOW THAT SELF-WILL THERE IS SOMETHING GREATER IN THE ATMOSPHERE. NO MATTER WHAT YOU CARE TO CALL IT, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE, THAT WILL GUIDE YOUR PATH SERENE. THERE REALLY IS. AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO WEAR YOURSELF OUT AND BE SO EXHAUSTED WITH ALL THAT MENTAL ACTIVITY OF TRYING TO FIGURE OUT EVERYTHING, AND HOW IS EVERYTHING GOING TO WORK, AND JUST BE TOTALLY WORN OUT. YOU SEE, IF YOU KIND OF VISUALIZE -- NOW, LET'S SEE, WHATEVER I THINK I HAVE, IF IT ALL DISAPPEARS, IF IT ALL GOES AWAY, WHERE WILL I BE? WELL, YOU'LL BE WHERE EVER YOU CHOOSE TO BE, THAT'S ENTIRELY UP TO YOU. LIFE IS FILLED WITH THE CONSTANT PANORAMA OF CHANGE. THAT'S UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL. BUT WHY WORK SO HARD TO TRY TO MENTALLY FIGURE OUT SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS?

YOU KNOW, WE MAKE THE JUDGMENT THAT WE HAVE NOT, AND THEN WE FOLLOW THE JUDGMENT TO SUPPORT THE JUDGMENT OF HOW RIGHT WE ARE. YOU KNOW, ALL WE HAVE TO DO, YOU SEE, WE'RE SETTING THESE LAWS INTO MOTION ALL THE TIME, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SAY -- WELL, I DON'T HAVE THIS, AND I DON'T HAVE THAT -- AND OUR MIND, IT WILL GO TO WORK TO PROVE HOW RIGHT WE ARE. OUR MIND MAKES CONSTANT EFFORT TO PROVE HOW RIGHT WE ARE ALL THE TIME, BECAUSE I NEVER MET A MIND YET THAT WANTS TO BE WRONG. AND SO YOU SEE, IT WORKS LIKE A LITTLE TROOPER TO PROVE HOW RIGHT WE WERE ALL THE TIME. YOU SEE?

SO, IF WE SAY THAT WE ARE HAVING A STRUGGLE, AND WE KEEP SAYING THAT TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE, WE WORK VERY HARD TO MAKE SURE, TO PROVE TO OURSELF THAT WE WERE RIGHT. SO IF THAT'S THE WAY THE MIND WORKS, AND I CAN ASSURE
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YOU IT'S EXACTLY HOW IT WORKS, AND CERTAINLY THE STUDENTS HAVE HAD ENOUGH EXPERIENCE -- WHY NOT MAKE THE EFFORT TO TELL YOURSELF HOW GREAT EVERYTHING IS? AND THEN YOUR LITTLE SUBCONSCIOUS GOES TO WORK TO PROVE HOW RIGHT YOU ARE, AND THEN THINGS GET GREATER. AND THINGS GET BETTER. BECOME AWARE OF HOW MANY TIMES IN THE COURSE OF A DAY THAT YOU TELL YOURSELF WHAT A HEAVY CROSS YOU HAVE TO BEAR -- IN A MILLION DIFFERENT WORDS. THE SPOKEN WORD IS LIFE-GIVING ENERGY. YOUR SPOKEN WORD GIVES LIFE TO THE FORMS THAT WORK TO FULFILL YOUR LAW, THE LAW YOU HAVE BY YOUR OWN CHOICE ESTABLISHED.

SO, IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR JOB, AND YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE THINGS YOUR MIND SAYS YOU DON'T HAVE, ALL THAT YOU ARE DOING IS GUARANTEEING THE CONTINUITY OF THE EXPERIENCE. JUST LIKE A WOMAN -- SHE WANTS TO GET MARRIED. IF SHE KEEPS SAYING, "WELL, I'M NOT MARRIED, THERE'S NO ONE REALLY, YOU KNOW, AROUND, OR AVAILABLE, AND SHE KEEPS PLAYING THAT TAPE, WELL THAT'S THE EXPERIENCE SHE HAS. NOW SEE, THAT WORKS IN EVERYTHING, THAT WORKS IN EVERYTHING. SURELY THE BOOKKEEPER OF THIS CHURCH IS WELL AWARE OF WHAT I SAY WHENEVER I LOOK AT A BILL, LET ALONE A CHECK, THAT GOD IS THE SOURCE OF MY SUPPLY, THERE IS A HIGHER POWER. BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE SPOKEN WORD CREATES THESE THINGS. AND IF I DON'T SPEAK FORTH THE POSITIVE, THEN I CANNOT EXPERIENCE THE POSITIVE. AND IF WE KEEP TELLING OURSELF HOW TOUGH EVERYTHING IS, YOU SEE, AND WE INSIST UPON BEING PROPHETS OF DOOM, THEN THAT'S WHAT WE ARE GOING TO EXPERIENCE -- CONSTANT DOOM! IF WE NEED THE EXCITEMENT THAT DISASTER BRINGS TO US, THEN YOU CAN BE REST ASSURED OUR LITTLE MINDS ARE GOING TO CREATE ONE DISASTER RIGHT AFTER ANOTHER -- CONSTANTLY, AROUND, AND AROUND AND AROUND, UNTIL WE GET SO

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WEARY OF THAT MERRY-GO-ROUND THAT WE STEP OFF OF IT.

WHEN WE THINK POSITIVE, WE SPEAK POSITIVE, AND THE POSITIVE RETURNS TO US. AND I SURELY HAVE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY, CONSIDERING THAT I WAS IN HOPES, YEARS AGO, THAT I COULD BE FREED FROM THE FUND RAISING DEPARTMENT OF THIS CHURCH. IT KIND OF LOOKS LIKE MY DESIRE WAS TOO STRONG BECAUSE I AM STILL STUCK WITH IT. AND I DON'T WANT TO MAKE ANY MORE JUDGMENTS -- I'D RATHER TRY TO STAY NEUTRAL IN THAT DEPARTMENT, HAVING HAD ALREADY ENOUGH EXPERIENCES. BUT IT IS WHAT WE ARE SAYING, AND IT'S WHAT WE ARE THINKING -- THAT'S THE CAUSE OF ALL OUR EXPERIENCE. NOW THE CLASSES HAVE TAUGHT THAT REPEATEDLY IN A MILLION DIFFERENT WORDS -- IT'S WHAT WE ARE THINKING, IT'S WHAT WE ARE SAYING. WE CONSTANTLY ARE DOING THESE THINGS TO OURSELF -- ALL THE TIME. SO IT'S UP TO US TO MAKE SOME EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT SOME DEGREE OF CHANGE THAT WE DESIRE. ARE WE REALLY MAKING THE EFFORT TO BECOME AWARE OF WHETHER OR NOT OUR WORDS ARE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, FOR WHEN WE BECOME AWARE OF WHAT KIND OF WORDS WE ARE SENDING OUT INTO THE UNIVERSE, THEN WE WILL BECOME AWARE AND KNOW THE CAUSE OF ALL OF OUR EXPERIENCES.

IT TAKES, I KNOW, A CONSTANT EFFORT OF REMINDING THE HUMAN MIND THAT IT, AND IT ALONE, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EXPERIENCE. NOW WHEN I GOT THAT CALL TODAY FROM THE ATTORNEY'S SECRETARY, I HAD TO REMIND MYSELF IMMEDIATELY -- RICHARD, THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY -- YOU SET THE LAW INTO MOTION, YOU MERITED THE EXPERIENCE, YOU CAN EITHER WALLOW IN THE PITY BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE DEPOSITIONS, OR YOU CAN JUST MOVE FORWARD. YOU SEE, THESE THINGS ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO MAKE INTELLIGENT, REASONABLE CHOICES, MOMENT BY MOMENT. IT'S LIKE IF WE HAVE JUDGMENTS IN REFERENCE TO THE EMPLOYER THAT WE HAVE MERITED IN OUR LIFE, AND WE CHOOSE TO BRING THOSE JUDGMENTS HOME WITH US

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-- GIVE US INDIGESTION, RUIN OUR DINNERS, RUIN OUR EVENINGS, AND EVERYTHING ELSE. WE HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE. IS OUR EMPLOYER, DO WE LOVE OUR EMPLOYER SO MUCH THAT WE HAVE GOT TO TAKE HIM TO DINNER WITH US, AND TAKE HIM TO BED WITH US? AND BRUSH OUR TEETH WITH HIM? BECAUSE IF WE ARE THINKING ABOUT OUR EMPLOYER, THAT WE DON'T LIKE, OF COURSE, THE THOUGHT IS THE FORM. YOU CANNOT THINK ABOUT ANYTHING, WHETHER IT'S AN APPLE OR A TOOTHPICK, THAT YOUR MIND IN THAT INSTANT DOESN'T CREATE THAT FORM. BECAUSE THE HUMAN MIND IS A PROCESS OF IMAGING. IT IS A PROCESS OF IMAGING.

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US AND WE DENY IT, WE SET OURSELVES UP TO EXPERIENCE PUNISHMENT UNTIL SUCH A TIME AS WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH AND WE FINALLY MAKE THE CHANGE. THERE IS NO NEED FOR US TO GO THROUGH THE "PUNISHMENTS" OF LIFE, THE EXPERIENCES OF DESPAIR, DISHARMONY, AND DISEASE. FOR WE HAVE THE CHOICE IN EACH MOMENT TO CHOOSE SOMETHING GREATER -- SOMETHING GREATER THAN WHAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST. THAT CHOICE IS ALWAYS UP TO US. WHEN WE LOVE GOD, OR GOODNESS, MORE THAN WE LOVE OUR SUFFERING WE WILL ACCEPT THE POSSIBILITY OF SOMETHING GREATER.

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OURSELF, THEN WE CANNOT FEEL GOOD FOR WE HAVE ALREADY LIMITED OURSELF ON HOW WE WILL PERMIT OURSELVES TO FEEL GOOD. LET US NOT BE SO INSECURE MENTALLY, AND EMOTIONALLY, THAT WE MUST IMPOSE UPON ANOTHER THE RESTRICTIONS, THE LIMITS, AND THE SUFFERING THAT WE HAVE IMPOSED UPON OURSELVES. I HAVE SAID BEFORE, AND I WILL SAY AGAIN, MAY GOD AND THE DIVINE INFINITE MERCY SAVE ME FROM THE REFORMERS. THANK YOU, FRIENDS.

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